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**DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132**

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I am familiar with the invention claimed in the above-mentioned case.

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In order to illustrate the improvement in performance provided by the compositions of the above reference application, the following experiments are presented. These examples were prepared with formulations similar to examples in the present application and were tested to determine a power valve rating as well as other ratings using the same test procedure carried out in the present application (see footnotes a and k under the Table that starts on page 20 of the specification). The formulations of the examples and the test results are summarized in the tables below:

Table 1a – Formulations of New Examples A to J

| Component <sup>1</sup>    | Ex<br>A<br>Comp | Ex<br>B<br>Comp | Ex<br>C<br>INV | Ex<br>D<br>Comp | Ex<br>E<br>Comp | Ex<br>F<br>Comp | Ex<br>G<br>INV | Ex<br>H<br>INV | Ex<br>I<br>Comp | Ex<br>J<br>Comp |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Stoddard Solvent          | 15              | 15              | 15             | 15              | 15              | 15              | 15             | 15             | 15              | 15              |
| Methacrylate Copoly PPD   |                 |                 |                |                 | 0.15            | 0.15            | 0.15           | 0.15           | 0.15            | 0.15            |
| (B)(1) ISTA-TEPA          | 1.2             | 1.2             | 3.0            | 1.2             |                 |                 |                | 2.0            | 1.0             | 4.0             |
| (B)(2)(a) Aminophenol     | 11.1            | 11.1            | 11.1           | 11.1            |                 |                 |                |                |                 |                 |
| (B)(2)(b) Mannich         |                 |                 |                |                 | 9.9             | 9.9             | 9.9            | 8.6            | 8.6             | 8.6             |
| (B)(3) Friction Modifier  | 0.3             | 0.3             | 0.3            | 0.3             |                 | 0.5             | 0.5            | 0.5            | 0.5             | 0.5             |
| PIBSA Dispersant          |                 |                 |                | 3.16            |                 |                 |                |                |                 |                 |
| Diarylamine Antioxidant   | 1.0             | 1.0             | 1.0            | 1.0             |                 |                 |                |                |                 |                 |
| Coupled Ca salt Detergent | 1.0             | 3.0             | 3.0            |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                 |                 |
| Rust Inhibitor            |                 |                 |                |                 |                 |                 |                |                |                 |                 |

<sup>1</sup> – Each example contains 66 to 75 percent by weight of the same mineral oil blend which was a mixture of 600 Neutral and 150 Bright Stock base oils. The specific amount of mineral oil present varies from example to example based on the amount of additives present in the specific example. The values in the table above for the various components are percent by weight.

Table 1b – Results of New Examples A to J

| Test Results                        | Ex<br>A<br>Comp | Ex<br>B<br>Comp | Ex<br>C<br>INV | Ex<br>D<br>Comp | Ex<br>E<br>Comp | Ex<br>F<br>Comp | Ex<br>G<br>INV | Ex<br>H<br>INV | Ex<br>I<br>Comp | Ex<br>J<br>Comp |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| (B)(1) (1.6-3.5 wt%)                | 1.2             | 1.2             | 3.0            | 1.2             |                 |                 | 2.0            | 2.0            | 1.0             | 4.0             |
| (B)(2)                              | 11.1            | 11.1            | 11.1           | 11.1            | 9.9             | 9.9             | 9.9            | 8.6            | 8.6             | 8.6             |
| (B)(1)+(B)(2) (5.5-7.5 wt%)         | 12.3            | 12.3            | 14.1           | 12.3            | 9.9             | 9.9             | 11.9           | 10.6           | 9.6             | 12.6            |
| Completed Test Hours                | 12.7            | 12.7            | 12.7           | 12.7            | 12.7            | 12.7            | 12.7           | 12.7           | 12.7            | 12.7            |
| Piston Varnish Rating <sup>2</sup>  | 9.0             | 9.1             | 9.4            | 8.75            | 7.3             | 6.9             | 8.9            | 9.2            | 9.0             | 9.2             |
| Undercrown Rating <sup>2</sup>      | 6.4             | 6.0             | 6.3            | 1.9             | 4.2             | 1.6             | 5.2            | 6.3            | 4.2             | 5.1             |
| Piston Scuffing Rating <sup>2</sup> | 9               | 9               | 9              | 9               | 5               | 8               | 8              | 9              | 9               | 9               |
| Piston Crown Rating <sup>2</sup>    | 8.7             | 8.4             | 8.6            | 8.9             | 8.7             | 9.2             | 8.8            | 8.9            | 8.8             | 8.8             |
| Ring Stick Rating <sup>2</sup>      | 10              | 10              | 10             | 9.0             | 7.2             | 8.1             | 5.0            | 9.0            | 8.9             | 9.0             |
| Power Valve Rating <sup>3</sup>     | 3.1             | 3.0             | 3.8            | 2.6             | 2.9             | 4.9             | 4.6            | 4.5            | 4.9             | 5.0             |

<sup>2</sup> – The piston varnish, undercrown, piston scuffing, piston crown and ring stick ratings indicate the cleanliness and/or amount of damage to the described area and/or part at the end of the test. Higher ratings indicate better results.

<sup>3</sup> – A power valve rating of 3 or higher is internally considered an “acceptable” result, however higher results indicate better performance and a rating of 3.5 or higher is internally considered to be a “superior” result.

The results show that the inventive examples provide unexpectedly better results relative to the comparative examples.

Specifically, within Examples A, B, C and D, which use aminophenol as component (B)(2), the results show that Inventive Example C provides the best power valve rating of the group while also providing the best piston varnish rating as well as the best or at least comparable ratings in all other categories to the comparative examples. Comparative Example A demonstrates that a high amount of component (B)(2)(a) cannot provide the improved performance by itself, or rather even with component (B)(3) and with less than the required amount of component (B)(1). Comparative Example B also shows this and further demonstrates that an increase in the amount of calcium detergent provides no significant improvement in the results. Comparative Example D demonstrates that the additive of a PIB-based dispersant provides no significant improvement in results. Rather it is the combination of components (B)(1), (B)(2) and (B)(3), as defined by the current claims and exemplified in Example C, that provides the unexpected improvement.

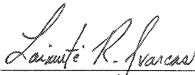
Looking at Examples E, F and G, which use the Mannich as component (B)(2), the results show that Inventive Example G provides a superior power valve rating as well as the best piston varnish rating, undercrown rating, and at least comparable rating in all other categories relative to the other Mannich examples. Comparative Example E shows that a high treat rate of the Mannich additive by itself does not provide the improved performance. Comparative Example F shows that the Mannich additive by itself, even in combination with component (B)(3) does not provide the overall improved performance. While Comparative Example F has the best power valve rating in the set, its other ratings are not as good as Inventive Example G's.

Looking at Examples H, I and J, the results show that Inventive Example H provides a superior power valve rating while also providing the best undercrown rating along with the best or at least comparable ratings relative to the comparative examples. Comparative Example I demonstrates that the Mannich additive in combination with component (B)(3) but with less than the required amount of component (B)(1) does not provide the overall improved performance seen in the inventive example. While Comparative Example I does have the higher power valve rating in the set, it falls short most notably in the undercrown rating. Comparative Example J, while technically

outside the current claims due to its high amount of component (B)(1) demonstrates that the surprising results of the present invention extend at least to the scope of the present claims.

Examples 3, 4, 6, 7 and 8 in the specification also contain component (B)(3) as noted in the footnotes under the table that starts on page 20 of the specification. Examples 4 and 6 are inventive examples while examples 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 are comparative and further demonstrate that the combination of components specified by the present invention provide unexpectedly improved results.

I further declare that all statements herein made of my own knowledge are true and all statements herein made on information and belief are believed to be true. I understand that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18 U.S.C. 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.



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